

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Tod T. Tuney on 11/9/09. During the interview it was pointed out that the copy of the claims contained only format and typographical errors. Therefore the following amendment is only to fix these minor errors.

The application has been amended as follows:

The timely filed after final amendment filed on 7/14/09 is entered.

In that amendment on the copy of the claims between claim 53 and the sentence ending with "of claims in the application" add:

--1.-52. (Cancelled) –

In the specification on page 1 at the beginning of the first paragraph please add;  
--This application is a national stage entry of PCT/GB03/01264 filed on 3/25/03  
claiming foreign priority to 0208642.9, filed on 04/16/02.—

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHRISTOPHER D. PRONE whose telephone number is

(571)272-6085. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Fri 8:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Corrine McDermott can be reached on (571) 272-4754. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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